



# What does a **Maryland Green Center** look like?



## Examples of Activities for MAEOE's Maryland Green Centers

A **Maryland Green Center** models certain environmental best management practices (BMPs), provides community programs, and helps schools provide site-based education and move towards more sustainable operations by gaining recognition as a MAEOE Maryland Green School.

Every **Maryland Green Center** must demonstrate some activities in each of the 3 required categories listed below. Once recognized, a short re-application every 4 years maintains MD Green Center status.

### **1. Supports local schools in their efforts to operate as a **Maryland Green School****

- Provides information about the MD Green School program ("champions" the MD GS model).
- Has instituted a relevant curriculum and provides programmatic support for GS activities.
- Provides direct instruction related to a Green School project at a school or in the community.
- Hosts Green School activities at the center.
- Provides focused in-service or professional development for teachers.
- Provides financial support, either directly or by assisting with grant writing.
- Provides materials, trees, plants, tools, etc.
- Provides technical support for project planning and implementation.
- Provides "hand holding" for those schools with teachers who are new to all of this.
- Provides contacts and connections to the appropriate resources.
- Works closely with an individual school/s to guide its GS application process.
- Has joined a school's MD Green School planning committee.

### **2. Models environmental best practices (BMPs) in the building and on the grounds**

- Models and promotes the 7 BMPs listed on the **MD Green Center** application.
- Involves the maintenance staff and volunteers in implementing the BMPs.
- Provides signage, printed information, or demonstrations related to the BMPs.

### **3. Supports community environmental learning**

- Partners with schools for action at the school or to address community environmental issues.
- Provides relevant program and/or training to serve the community.

For a current application, go to [www.maeoe.org](http://www.maeoe.org) or contact MAEOE's MD Green School Program Coordinator for more information at [greenschools@maeoe.org](mailto:greenschools@maeoe.org).

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#### **Recognized MAEOE Maryland Green Centers, 2003-2010:**

Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, Harford County  
Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, Anne Arundel County  
Environmental Concern/Wetland Learning Center, Talbot County  
Harford Glen Environmental Education Center, Harford County  
Herring Run Watershed Association, Baltimore City  
Howard County Conservancy, Howard County  
Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Education Center, Montgomery County  
Marshy Point Nature Center, Baltimore County  
North Bay, Cecil County  
Patuxent Research Refuge National Wildlife Visitor Center, Prince George's County  
Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, Wicomico County  
William Schmidt Environmental Education Center, Prince George's County  
Alice Ferguson Foundation/Hard Bargain Farm, Prince George's County  
ELMS Environmental Education Center, St. Mary's County

Audubon Naturalist Society, Montgomery County  
Carroll County Outdoor School, Carroll County  
Fairview Outdoor Education Center, Washington County  
Hashawha Environmental Center and Bear Branch, Carroll County  
Hickory Environmental Education Center, Garrett County  
Irvine Nature Center, Baltimore County  
Living Classrooms Foundation, Baltimore City  
National Aquarium in Baltimore, Baltimore City  
Parks and People Foundation, Baltimore City  
Patuxent River 4H Center, Prince George's county  
Pearlstone Center, Baltimore County  
Calleva Outdoors, Montgomery County  
Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center, Charles County

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